

Dismantling of Chimneys of R.K. Puram Quarters

2616. SHRISURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are charging some money from the allottees of the Government accommodation in R.K. Puram, New Delhi for dismantling of Chimneys in the kitchens of these quarters; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). According to the existing instructions, additions/alterations of non-structural character are to be carried out uniformly in all the Govt. houses in a phased manner, subject to availability of funds. If, however, an allottee desires to have such additions/alteration in his house on priority basis, he shall have to bear 10% of the cost thereof payable in advance.

Since dismantling of chimneys in all the Govt. quarters will involve substantial expenditure, 10% of the cost thereof is being charged from those allottees, who desire this to be done on priority basis.

Equal Opportunities to Ayurved and Allopathies

2617. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the duration of academic courses for the Ayurvedic and Allopathic doctors are same;

(b) whether the Ayurvedic doctors are not given admission in special (post-graduate) Course; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to afford equal academic opportunities to both the systems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The duration of academic courses i.e. undergraduate courses for Ayurvedic and Allopathic doctors is 5 1/2 years.

(b) and (c). Post graduate courses in Ayurveda in various specialities are prescribed by the Central Council of Indian Medicine and conducted at Post Graduate Institutes of Ayurveda and upgraded departments of Ayurvedic Colleges all over the Country. The Ayurvedic doctors are given admission in these Post-graduate courses.

[English]

Opening of New Colleges Affiliated to Central Universities

2618. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYA SADUL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has assessed the number of Central University Colleges likely to be opened during the years 1991-92 and 1992-93, to cater the need of admission in various faculties all over the country, especially in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether due to inadequate number of seats in the existing colleges, affiliated to Central and State Universities, a large number of students are deprived of admission; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or proposed to

be taken in consultation with all State Governments to open more colleges affiliated to Central and State Universities during the remaining part of the year 1991-92 and 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d). No, Sir. Colleges are generally established by State Governments or Private Trusts/Registered Societies in view of the educational requirements of a particular area/region, the availability of resources and other relevant factors.

The demand for admission to institutions of higher education is being met, apart from opening of new colleges, by enhancing the intake capacity of existing colleges, introduction of new courses and provision of alternate channels for higher education. Indira Gandhi National Open University has been entrusted with the responsibility for introduction and promotion of the Open University and Distance Education systems in the educational pattern of the country. Four State Open Universities, including one in Maharashtra, and 40 other Universities are offering courses through the distance education mode. Several Universities also permit external students, who study at home to appear in the examination.

[Translation]

Classified Forests in Rajasthan

2619. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the classified forest area out of the total area of Rajasthan;

(b) whether the non-forest areas are adversely affecting the ecology of the State; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken for development of forests in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The classified forests in Rajasthan as per the 'India's Forests, 1987' are:

Reserve forests	13970 Sq. Km.
Protected forests	14170 Sq. Km.
Unclassified forests	3150 Sq. Km.
Total forest area	31290 Sq. Km.

(b) and (c). No data is available to indicate that the non-forest areas are adversely affecting the ecology of the State.

However, massive afforestation programme has been launched under the 20-point programme including Social Forestry Scheme

A Centrally Sponsored Scheme is under implementation to help the State for development of infrastructure for protection of forests against biotic interference.

[English]

Labour Ministers' Conference

2620. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of State Labour Ministers is proposed to be convened in September, 1991; and

(b) if so, the specific issues likely to be discussed at the conference?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWARI): (a) and (b). It has